



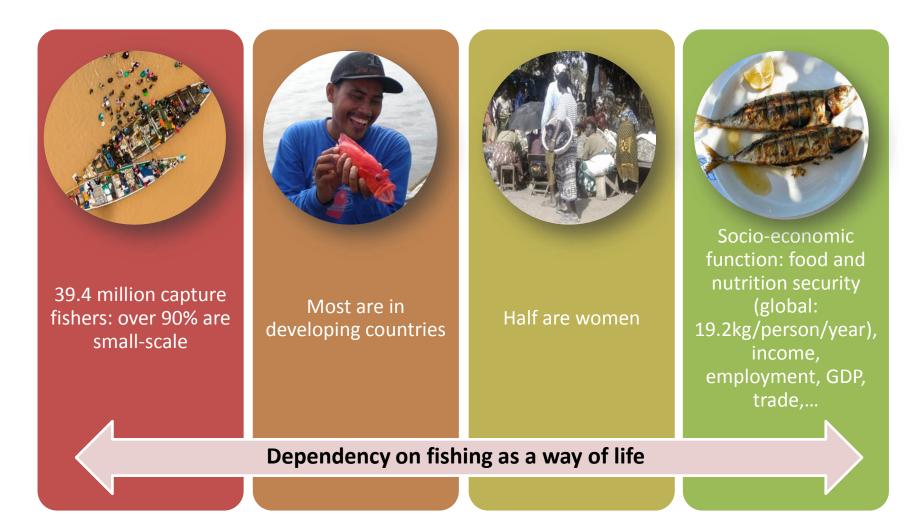


Global significance of the SSF Guidelines

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The importance of small-scale fisheries



But:

The social and economic importance of small-scale fisheries is still not fully recognised or understood

International discussions and issues



2012: Adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines for the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security

• Responsible and secure access and user rights, human rights based approach



2012: Report of Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food on fish

 Challenges: environmental sustainability, globalization of the fishing industry, promotion of human rights based approach



2012: Rio+20 'The future we want'

• SSFs as catalysts of sustainable development in fisheries, ensure access to fisheries, importance of access to markets, empowerment



2014: CFS HLPE report on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for food security and nutrition

Fish neglected in food/nutrition strategies, exposure to risks and pressures,
SSF vs large-scale, fish trade, social protection and labour rights, gender equity, governance



2014: 31st Session of Committee on Fisheries

Endorsement of the SSF Guidelines

SSF Guidelines: Development process

2008: First Global Conference on Small-Scale Fisheries, Bangkok **2014:** Resumed Session of the Technical Consultation

2014: 31st COFI –

Endorsement of the SSF Guidelines

2010: Regional consultations on bringing together responsible fisheries and social development

2013: Technical Consultation

2011: 29th COFI recommends development of international instrument

2011 – 2013: National, regional, international consultations, workshops, events



Conclusion: Global significance of the SSF Guidelines

- First ever international instrument entirely dedicated to SSF
- Bring together social development and responsible fisheries → beyond fisheries
- Complement important international instruments
 - Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries
 - Right to Food Guidelines
 - Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests
- → Common grounding in human rights principles



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Influence on policy processes:

- Committee on Global Food Security: Principles for responsible investment in agriculture and food systems (CFS RAI – para. 19, para 25.ii)
- NEPAD's policy framework and reform strategy for fisheries and aquaculture in Africa
- Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC), Resolution WECAFC/15/2014/8
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- → Need to seize the momentum and IMPLEMENT to:
- Create awareness about rights and responsibilities;
- Claim rights and
- Realize rights





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For more information:

- <u>SSFGuidelines@fao.org</u>
- www.fao.org/fishery/ssf/ guidelines/en

